

SENATOR MARVEL: Would you push your button off, please. The Chair recognizes Senator Duis. Do you have a comment on the bill generally?

SENATOR DUIS: Yes, I do.

SENATOR MARVEL: All right, Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: I would support this bill because it is a direct tax to those who use it. Whereas, the last bill which just went across the Board on soda pop is going to tax a lot of people who may never use a park, and as I understand this piece of legislation, this is a direct user's bill and I still shake my head a little bit about the previous one because of the fractional amount instead of the whole one cent and I think I might prepare an amendment for Select File to go to one cent on it.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Duis, will you turn your light off, please. Senator Labedz, do you wish to speak to the bill as a whole?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, please. Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I support LB 81. There was no heavy opposition in our committee hearing and the fees applied to each entering vehicle not to each individual and half of the states, including Colorado and Kansas, our neighbors, charge the same fees. I think it was the Isaac Walton League and the Nebraska Recreational League, the Nebraska Council of Sportsmen Club and the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation gave their approval of the bill. The permits would be required only in the state park areas where the state provides facilities or services and the Game and Parks Commission does not intend or plan to put any gates or barriers. Unless a new source of funding is found for the parks system, the Commission will be unable to maintain some of the facilities now that are there and some that are badly needed. 70% of the revenue would be used for major park renovations while 30% would be planned to operate and enforce the system. The public demands the facilities and I think the park entrance fee justifies the small amount that will be charged and I urge the members of this body to support LB 81.

SENATOR MARVEL: The Clerk has some other amendments to 81.

CLERK: Mr. President, there is still a series of amendments on the bill. The next one is offered by Senator Koch. It is found on page 536 of the Legislative Journal. What it would do is to insert a new subsection as follows: Read.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Koch, do you move the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR MARVEL: Is there a second? Senator Clark. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Very briefly, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, the amendment does one thing specifically and that is